

## Digital Citizenship

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Students operate in a manner that demonstrates their understanding of the opportunities, responsibilities, risks, and foundational skills required to live, learn, and work in an increasingly digital world.

Performance Indicators:

- a. Students understand and practice safe, legal, ethical, and responsible use of technology, information, and resources.
- b. Students are aware of the persistence of their activity in the digital world and actively foster a positive digital identity and reputation.
- c. Students critically consume technology and media and understand the social, legal, and ethical impact computing and technology has on our lives.
- d. Students evaluate new and emerging technologies and transfer their knowledge of technology operations to use them.

Students at McKeel Academy Central are expected to practice good digital citizenship with technology tools. Technology is an important part of our educational program at McKeel Academy Central. In accordance with Florida Statute 1006.07(2)(f) all personal devices must be powered off and in backpacks during school hours. Apple/smart watches may not be used as a communication tool during the school day. We do not allow or promote student use of social media apps such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok etc

During the school day students are not permitted to use personal devices for calling, messaging, texting, using the internet or taking photos. Parents/guardians must help us enforce this policy by not texting or calling their children during the school day. If a parent needs to contact their child, they should phone the school office. All personal electronic devices must be turned off and during the school day so that there will not be disruptions to the classroom. Smart watches may not be used as a communication device.

MAC leverages various techniques to provide a safe online environment for our students. Students should know that if they do happen to come across inappropriate content/images while in class (or at home) **they are expected to immediately tell their teacher or adult in charge**. Students should only be on websites approved by the teacher. McKeel Schools issued email accounts should only be used for school related business, not for personal communication.

## Personal Electronic Devices/Accessories

In compliance with HB 1105 and Florida Statute 1006.07(2)(f), McKeel Academy Central enforces a personal communication device policy to support a focused, safe, and distraction-free learning environment.

Florida law prohibits students from using wireless communication devices during instructional time unless expressly authorized by a teacher for educational purposes. To ensure compliance:

- All personal communication devices must be turned off and kept in student backpacks during the school day.
- This includes cell phones and any internet-enabled accessories or devices.
- Use of a device during class time without staff permission will result in a personal communication device infraction and appropriate disciplinary action.

McKeel Academy Central is not responsible for any personally owned devices or accessories—including mobile phones, headphones, Apple Pencils, smartwatches, or chargers—that are lost, stolen, or damaged on campus.

Additional campus guidelines include:

- Devices may not be used before or after school in the car line or bus line areas.
- While we understand some parents provide smartwatches for safety purposes, these devices may not be used for calling, messaging, texting, accessing the internet, or taking photos/videos during the school day.
- Parents should not text or call their children during the school day. If you need to contact your child, please call the school office.